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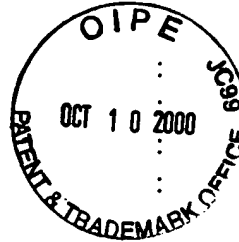
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Serial No.: 09/660,490



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For: RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
APPARATUS AND A METHOD
THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Japanese Publication No. 11-250577 discloses recording of recording data supplied from the buffer in the recording system and storage of reproduction data recorded in the disk into a buffer in the reproducing system are processed in parallel in a time-division manner, so that recording of an image/sound signal and reproduction of data stored in the disk are carried out simultaneously.

2. Japanese Publication No. 2512853 discloses a digital record and playback apparatus in which recording is started by a playback instruction signal supplied from the control signal generating circuit of the CD playback apparatus, and recording is ended by a playback end instruction signal supplied from the CD playback apparatus.

3. Japanese Publication No. 5-101614 discloses an MD dubbing apparatus in which the MD recording/reproducing apparatus starts and ends recording based on a recording start signal and a reproduction end signal supplied through a control signal line.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under U.S. law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

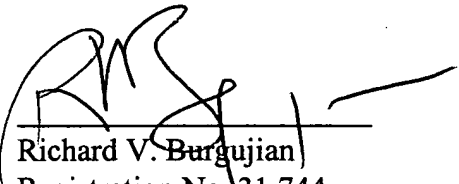
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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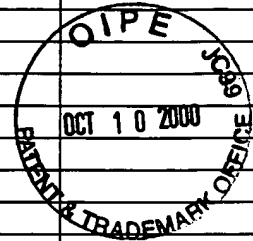
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	11-250577	9/17/99	Japan				XX
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